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Poll on Student Aid Under Way This Week

The first step in the poll on proposals for Federal financial assistance to undergraduates, authorized by the Committee on Relationships of Higher Education to the Federal Government at its meeting on November 30 (See this Bulletin, Vol V, No. 26), will be taken this week with the distribution of a questionnaire. After the November 30 meeting, it was learned that the Board of Directors of the Association of American Colleges had approved a membership poll on the same subject. Agreement was subsequently reached with officials of the AAC that the questionnaire prepared by the Council's Subcommittee on National Scholarship Policy should be used for both purposes.

Copies of the questionnaire are therefore being distributed by the Council to executive officers of the Council's institutional and constituent members and also to members of the Association of American Colleges which do not hold Council membership. All four-year colleges and universities are requested to return two copies of the questionnaire. Separate tabulations of results will be made for the membership of the Council and the membership of the AAC. President Adams of the Council has requested that all replies be mailed to the Council office in Washington by February 1, 1957.

Council to Conduct Survey of Dentistry

The Council this spring will launch a broad survey of dentistry in the United States at the request of the American Dental Association. Announcement of the survey, which will extend over two years and cost $400,000, has been made by President Arthur S. Adams. He said the objective is "to assess the achievements, resources and potentialities of dentistry in the United States, to determine desirable areas of future development, and to recommend methods for the better provision of an essential service to the American people."

The survey will be financed by grants as follows: the Kellogg Foundation, $250,000; American Dental Association, $120,000; Rockefeller Brothers Fund, $25,000, and the Louis W. and Maud Hill Family Foundation, $5,000.

Dr. Adams said the impartial and critical survey will center on four areas--dental education, dental research, dental practice and dental health. A national commission, composed of representatives of such groups as education, management, labor, medicine, and dentistry, will be appointed by the Council and have final authority for conduct and administration of the survey. Membership on the commission has been carefully planned to provide the widest possible divergence of interests consistent with practical operation of the survey.

Better Cooperation Requested from ICA

In a letter dated November 30, 1956, President Arthur S. Adams apprised John B. Hollister, Director of the International Cooperation Administration, of actions taken at the Conference on University Contracts Abroad held in Washington November 15-16, 1956 (See this Bulletin, Vol. V, No. 25).

Dr. Adams noted the Conference's endorsement of the resolution of November 12 voted by the American Association of Land-Grant Colleges and State Universities. This resolution, while declaring that the institutions continued to support the program of inter-university cooperation in technical assistance, warned the ICA of possible institutional withdrawals from the program unless the agency simplified the contract operation. In expressing appreciation for Mr. Hollister's appearance at the Conference, Dr. Adams reiterated the urgent need for continuing closer relationships which could lead to more efficient future operations.

President Adams requested that the ICA prepare for the Committee on Institutional Projects Abroad a brief outlining the agency's position in respect to a grant-in-aid procedure earlier proposed to Mr. Hollister by the Council, and transmitted the Conference request that an early meeting be arranged between the CIPA and agency officers to discuss issues outstanding - among them, university reaction to the latest ICA contract policies, the grant procedure, and measures necessary to improve ICA's administration of the program.

Especial stress was laid by Dr. Adams on the Conference view that program responsibility within the ICA be centralized at the highest possible level.

Delegates Selected for Celebrations in India

Selection of a delegation of distinguished American educators to attend the Centenary Celebrations of the three Indian Universities of Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay has been announced by President Arthur S. Adams of the Council. Funds for the participation of the delegates in these celebrations, which will take place in January and February 1957, will be provided in part by the Asia Foundation.

The delegates are Dr. Oliver C. Carmichael, former president of the University of Alabama, Dr. Robert F. Goheen, president-elect of Princeton University, Dr. Walter H. C. Laves, chairman of the Department of Government, Indiana University, and Dr. Francis J. Brown, staff associate and director of the Leaders' Program of the American Council on Education.

En route to India it is planned that the American delegation will meet briefly with representatives of the Asia Foundation and leaders of higher education in Japan, Hongkong, the Philippines, Burma, Thailand, and Indonesia. In India the group will represent American higher education in a series of celebrations beginning with the University of Calcutta, January 20 to 24, and continuing with the University of Madras, January 28 to February 1, and the University of Bombay, February 4 to 9.

Army ROTC Begins Flight Training

Approximately 400 college seniors enrolled in the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps are scheduled to begin flight training at 40 civilian educational institutions during the current academic year, the Department of the Army has announced. Flight instruction under the new Army ROTC program will be taken by cadets on an extra-curricular basis. The instruction will be given at approved civilian flying schools by instructors certified by the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

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